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<b>Federal Reg or Local Practice</b>	<b>Impact on Families</b>	<b>Comply Fed Regs?</b>	<b>Impact on Incentives</b>	<b>Impact on Automation</b>	<b>Impact on Staffing</b>	<b>Impact on Training</b>	<b>Impact on Facilities</b>
(b)(1) No current order & under \$500 arrearages or unenforceable under state law	Family stands to lose up to \$499 in non-TANF cases; State stands to lose up to \$250 in TANF cases	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Moderate	None
<i>Divergent Local Practice (DLP): Counties do not routinely close cases which fall under these criteria unless all resources exhausted</i>	<i>Family stands to <u>collect</u> up to \$499 in non-TANF cases; State stands to <u>collect</u> up to \$250 in TANF cases</i>	Yes	<i>Minimal</i>	<i>Minimal</i>	<i>Minimal</i>	<i>Minimal</i>	<i>None</i>
(b)(2) NCP deceased & no potential action against estate	None	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
<i>DLP: None</i>							
(b)(3)(i) Paternity cannot be established because child is 18 & action is barred by S/L	None	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
<i>DLP: None</i>							
(b)(3)(ii) Paternity cannot be established because putative father has been excluded & no other prospect is identifiable	None, if diligent efforts have been made	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
<i>DLP: Counties vary in their diligent efforts to identify another putative father</i>	<i>High, if diligent efforts <u>have not</u> been made; Low, if they <u>have</u> been made</i>	Yes	<i>Minimal</i>	<i>Minimal</i>	<i>Moderate to High, depending on levels of efforts</i>	<i>Moderate to High, depending on levels of efforts</i>	<i>None</i>
(b)(3)(iii) It is not in the best interest of the child to establish paternity in a case involving incest or rape, or where adoption proceedings are pending	No negative impact	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
<i>DLP: None</i>							
(b)(3)(iv) Identity of biodad is unknown & unascertainable even after diligent efforts, including at least one interview with CP	None, if diligent efforts have been made	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None

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(b)(4)(i) Unable to locate NCP after diligent efforts by the State for three years, if there is sufficient information to initiate automated locate (e.g. name & SSN)	High	Yes	High	Minimal	Moderate	Moderate	None
<i>DLP: Some counties close; others vary in their diligent efforts</i>	<i>High, if diligent efforts have not been made; Low, if they have been made</i>	Yes	High	Minimal	<i>Moderate to High, depending on levels of efforts</i>	<i>Moderate to High, depending on levels of efforts</i>	None
(b)(4)(ii) Unable to locate NCP after diligent efforts by the State over a one-year period when there is not sufficient information to initiate an automated locate effort	Very High	Yes	Moderate	High	High	High	Moderate
<i>DLP: N/A</i>							
(b)(5) NCP cannot pay due to institutionalization or incarceration (no parole) or permanent disability & no assets are available	Minimal	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
<i>DLP: None</i>							
(b)(6) NCP is a citizen of & lives in foreign country; does not work for the Feds or for a US company; no assets	Minimal	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
<i>DLP: None</i>							
(b)(7) Locate only	Minimal	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
<i>DLP: None</i>							

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(b)(8) Non-welfare CP requests closure & no TANF arrears <i>DLP: None</i>	None	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
(b)(9) Good cause <i>DLP: None</i>	None	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
(b)(10) Non-TANF case & IV-D agency unable to locate CP within 60 days <i>DLP: County practices vary</i>	High  <i>High, if diligent efforts <u>have not</u> been made; Low, if they <u>have</u> been made</i>	Yes	High  <i>Minimal</i>	Moderate to High  <i>Minimal</i>	Moderate to High  <i>Moderate to High, depending on levels of efforts</i>	Moderate to High  <i>Moderate to High, depending on levels of efforts</i>	None
(b)(11) Non-TANF CP not cooperating in next essential step <i>DLP: None</i>	Moderate	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
(b)(12) Initiating state doesn't cooperate <i>DLP: None</i>	High	Yes	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	None
(c) Sixty-day notice <i>DLP: None</i>	None	Yes	None	None	None	None	None
(d) Agency must keep records of closed cases for three years <i>DLP: Counties maintain records for 4+ years</i>	None	Yes	None	None	None	None	None